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HOUSE RESOLUTION 239
By White

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Delana Burleson,
volleyball star.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially recognize our most talented athletes; these extremely rare individuals work hard, never hesitate to make necessary sacrifices, exhibit a tremendous determination to succeed, play adroitly, and serve as excellent role models for our youth; and

WHEREAS, Delana Burleson, who is concluding a brilliant collegiate career at Cumberland University, has been a star volleyball player and team leader since the day she first took the court as a high school freshman at Summertown High School; and

WHEREAS, Delana played a key role in the tremendous success the Eaglette squad enjoyed, leading them to three State Tournament trips; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her outstanding efforts, she was named All-District, District Most Valuable Player, All-Region, Region Most Valuable Player, Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association All-State and TASC All-State during her high school career; and

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WHEREAS, because of the school's strong volleyball program, Delana decided to attend Shoals College, and in her two years there, she broke several game and season records in kills and service aces; and

WHEREAS, Delana was chosen to the All-Region and All-American teams while playing for Shoals; as a sophomore, she was selected as the Alabama State Most Valuable Player; and

WHEREAS, she also traveled to Utah to play in the National Tournament and ranked fifth in the nation in service aces; and

WHEREAS, after transferring to Cumberland University, Delana continued to excel on the volleyball court; and

WHEREAS, as a junior, she was first in the nation in service aces, was selected All-Region, Team Most Valuable Player, and Mid-South Conference Player of the Year, and was honored as an All-American; and

WHEREAS, as a sensational senior, Delana was again named Team Most Valuable Player, All-Region, and All-Mid-South Conference, and was the only player from Tennessee to be named to an All-American team; and

WHEREAS, during this banner year, she was also ranked as the top player in the nation in service aces and kills; and

WHEREAS, after graduation from Cumberland and a trip to compete internationally in Holland, Delana will serve as an assistant coach at Cumberland for next season; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to commend this noble warrior of the volleyball courts; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor and congratulate Delana Burleson on her marvelous collegiate volleyball career and wish her well in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.